proposals under paragraph (b) of this section before submitting them to the EDA Regional Office for such review.

- (iii) The results of these PRC meetings shall be communicated to the proponents in writing and in a timely manner, advising them that they are: being invited to submit a formal application; having their application returned because of specified deficiencies (resubmissions will be allowed when the deficiencies are cured) or being denied for specific reasons.
- (iv) An invitation to submit an application does not assure EDA funding.
- (v) Applications are generally to be submitted within 30 days after receipt of an invitation letter.
- (3) For projects to be funded under part 307—Subparts C and D of this chapter, requirements are as follows:
- (i) Initial contact by proponents for information and assistance concerning proposals will generally be with Washington, DC, at locations noted in §§ 307.13 and 307.18 of this chapter.
- (ii) Generally, proposals will be reviewed for relevance and quality by three or more technically knowledgeable EDA officials.
- (iii) If the proposal is acceptable under paragraph (b) of this section, EDA may invite proponents to submit applications which must include a more detailed and comprehensive project narrative.
- (iv) An invitation to submit an application does not assure EDA funding.
- (v) Applications are generally to be submitted within 30 days after receipt of an invitation letter.
- (b) General evaluation criteria for projects to be funded under parts 305, 307 and 308 of this chapter in addition to criteria noted in such parts, are as follows: All proposals/applications will be screened for conformance to statutory and regulatory requirements, the relative severity of the economic problem of the area, the quality of the scope of work proposed to address the problem, the merits of the activity(ies) for which funding is requested, and the ability of the prospective applicant to carry out the proposed activity(ies) successfully. The NOFA may identify

special areas of interest for the fiscal year of such NOFA.

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§ 304.2 Demonstration project assistance under Section 301(f) of PWEDA.

In addition to the selection of projects under the general selection process as set forth in §304.1 above, EDA may also select demonstration projects, as authorized under section 301(f) of PWEDA. Demonstration projects involve the provision of funds, through grants, loans or otherwise, to carry out the purpose of PWEDA. There are no set forms or procedure for project selection, and proposals may be submitted to EDA at any time. Demonstration projects must be within redevelopment areas.

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